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Jenny Kirchner joins Town Crier staff full-time

BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

The Town Crier is bringing on photographer Jenny Kirchner to replace JP Crumrine, who retired Sept. 24 from the newspaper after 16 years of covering news and all-things on the hill. Don't worry, she will still be taking photos and covering local events. Our long-time readers know that Jenny is not new to her role.

She first started with the paper in the summer of 2007 as staff photographer. She earned 11 photo awards (regional, state and national) from 2007-2016 for the Town Crier. After three years as a staff photographer, Jenny decided that

she wanted to work solely as a freelance photographer.

Aside from providing the community with amazing photos of arts and entertainment events over the years, Jenny covered the Cranston, Silver and Mountain fires for the Town Crier. Wolf Blitzer interviewed Jenny about the Mountain Fire and her photos were picked up by the Huffington Post, Good Morning America, CBS and NBC.

Jenny was a volunteer at Idyllwild Fire Protection District from 2013-2015. In 1999, she received a scholarship with the North American Nature Photography Association where she got to train with National Geographic photographers.

See Kirchner, page A8



Photographer Jenny Kirchner covering the Cranston Fire. PHOTO BY STEVE WHITBY



Ernie Maxwell plants a Chinese pistache tree behind Town Hall on Aug. 26, 1977 in honor of his wife Betty Maxwell, who died a week prior. The Ernie Maxwell Community Spirit Award recognizes the contributions of an individual or group to the community. This year's nominees are listed on page A3. Be sure to vote. TOWN CRIER FILE PHOTO

CSA 38 requests financial transparency from county

Committee approves projects for 2019/20

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The advisory committee for County Service Area 38 (CSA 38), which oversees the Pine Cove area, met Tuesday, Sept. 17 to review its financial balance at the end of FY 2018/19 and to discuss projects to support in the current fiscal year.

However, committee members asked many questions that county representatives present at the meeting couldn't answer. David Alvarez, development specialist with Riverside County's Economic Development Administration (EDA), agreed to bring a representative from the county's finance department to the next CSA 38 meeting in January 2020, to ensure the committee understands how the county manages the CSA funds.

In one case, the revenue account for interest from invested funds indicates a negative amount for July and August. According to Alvarez, the finance department said the negative amounts this year were the result of accrued revenue at the end of FY 2018/19.

Committee members were unsatisfied with that explanation since they are responsible for funding projects and need to know actual cash balances. Projected revenue and expenditures are developed at the beginning of the fiscal year, but as the year

See CSA 38, page A8

Fern Valley Water pipeline project begins

Water usage same as 2018

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

General Manager Victor Jimenez reported at the Fern Valley Water District (FVWD) directors regular board meeting Sept. 20 that El-Co Contractors Inc. (El-Co) of San Bernardino had

started the project to replace and install new pipelines in the Rim Rock and Azalea neighborhoods. The work is estimated to cost \$1.2 million. The funds are coming out of the district's reserves.

"They're doing well. Although they've encountered a lot of rock, so far only one had to be broken up," Jimenez said.

When the contract was signed, Jimenez expected the project to start sooner, but El-Co was delayed because of its work for Idyllwild Water District. This summer El-Co replaced pipeline along South Circle Drive and Village Center Drive.

See Fern Valley, page A8

While well production increased some in August, it was significantly less than a year ago.

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IWD board approves additional funding for pipeline project

The board also rejects a hiring freeze in the same meeting

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The staff's work hours, a hiring freeze, and the additional costs of the recent pipeline replacement project dominated the Sept. 18 Idyllwild Water District (IWD) board of directors meeting.

For the third month in a row, the board discussed the issue of staff working four days a week at 10 hours per day. Directors David Hunt and Steve Kunkle are concerned that this schedule has a negative impact on customer service and possibly field projects.

However, the board eventually ap-

proved the extension of the "4/10" work week through Oct. 31. Beginning Friday, Nov. 1, IWD staff will return to the more traditional five days a week, eight hours per day work schedule.

The board reluctantly agreed not to implement a hiring freeze during this period. However, even that decision required two separate votes.

Beginning the discussion of whether to terminate the 4/10 schedule at the end of September or extend it, Kunkle said, "When we approved the office 4/10 schedule, we said we'd review it in six months. The field's 4/10 would end on Sept. 30. In my opinion, there is no benefit."

General Manager Michael Creighton quickly disagreed with Kunkle and said many projects are getting done in one day rather than needing two.

"We only started [the 4/10 for the field] See IWD, page A8



Idyllwild Water District General Manager Michael Creighton (left) and directors David Hunt (center) and Steve Kunkle (right). Not shown, directors Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly and Les Gin. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

El-Co Contractors, Inc.
(909)887-2610 Fax (909)880-9091
P.O. Box 9130

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
9/11/2019	2962

Bill To
Idyllwild Water District P.O. Box 397 Idyllwild, CA. 92549

Ship To

P.O. Number	Terms	Rep	Ship	Via	F.O.B.	Project
	NET 30		9/11/2019			19-116
Quantity	Item Code	Description	Price Each	Amount		
	Contract	Billing for extra work - Waterline Replacement Project (Village Center Drive & South Circle Drive) - See Attached #1 and #2 extras	124,233.48	124,233.48		
Working Harder for You the Customer			Total	\$124,233.48		

The invoice submitted to IWD from El-Co Contractors Inc. DOCUMENT COURTESY OF IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

#1

To: Idyllwild Water District P.O. Box 397, Idyllwild, CA 92549			
From: El-Co Contractors, Inc. P.O. Box 9130, San Bernardino, CA 92427			
Extra Time Encountered - Idyllwild South Circle Drive & Village Center Drive			
Labor:			
1	Operator Time	130 hours @100.06 per hr =	13,007.80
2	Laborers	260 hours @76.85 per hr =	19,981.00
TOTAL:			32,988.80
Equipment:			
1	Backhoes - 2 each	130 hours @75.00 per hr =	9,750.00
2	5-7yd Dump Truck	65 hours @60.00 per hr =	3,900.00
3	Street Sweeper	65 hours @60.00 per hr =	3,900.00
4	Service Trucks - 3 each	195 hours @32.00 per hr =	6,240.00
5	Traffic Control - 7 Days	7 Days @350.00 per day =	2,450.00
6	Subsistence + Cabin	Lump Sum =	1,800.00
TOTAL:			28,040.00
Extra Items:			
1	1-1/2" Water Services	5 Each @6,000.00 Each =	30,000.00
2	8" Gate Valve @creek	1 Each @1,500.00 Each =	1,500.00
3	Connections	4 Each @6,000.00 Each =	24,000.00
TOTAL:			55,500.00
GRAND TOTAL:			116,528.80

The first page of the breakdown of the invoice from El-Co Contractors Inc. DOCUMENT COURTESY OF IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

#2

To: Idyllwild Water District P.O. Box 397, Idyllwild, CA 92549			
From: El-Co Contractors, Inc. P.O. Box 9130, San Bernardino, CA 92427			
Extra Time Encountered - Idyllwild South Circle Drive & Village Center Drive			
July 19, 2019			
Had to modify connection at South Circle & Village Center Drive - constructed an 8-inch hot tap because existing valve would not close.			
Labor:			
1	Operator/Foreman	8 hours @100.06 per hr =	800.48
2	Laborers	32 hours @76.85 per hr =	2,459.20
3	Welder	10 hours @115.00 per hr =	1,150.00
Equipment:			
1	Backhoe	5 hours @75.00 per hr =	375.00
2	Service Trucks - 3 each	30 hours @32.00 per hr =	960.00
Materials:			
1	8" FxR.S. Gate Valve	1 Each @1,300.00 each =	1,300.00
2	8" Hot Tap	1 Each @660.00 each =	660.00
TOTAL:			7,704.68
Extra Asphalt for water services on Village Center: 1 1,040 SqFt Asphalt @10.00 per SqFt per bid item #14 = Deleting overlay for Village Center Drive			
GRAND TOTAL:			7,704.68

The second page of the breakdown of the invoice from El-Co Contractors Inc. DOCUMENT COURTESY OF IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

Confidential teen crisis line

A California Youth Crisis Line is available toll-free 24/7 to assist youth, teens and their families in crisis or in a time of need.

Calls are confidential and trained staff can provide appropriate referrals to assist with issues such as family problems, relationship violence, runaway, homelessness, depression, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, suicide and more. The crisis line is 1-800-843-5200.

How to harden your home

Cal Fire has a free video and app called "What You Need to Know — Hardening Your Home," on the subject of saving your home from wildfire.

Visit www.periscope.tv/w/1kvKplyZknwKE to watch or download the app on IOS or Android devices. Other tips are available at www.readyforwildfire.org/Hardening-Your-Home/.

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 9/25



75/57

Chance of thunderstorms.

Thursday 9/26



67/54

Chance of thunderstorms.

Friday 9/27



69/51

Sunny.

Saturday 9/28



63/46

Chance of showers.

Sunday 9/29



61/43

Sunny.

Monday 9/30



62/39

Sunny.

Tuesday 10/1



63/40

Sunny.

Find the latest weather information from the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov.

The Town Crier's Idyllwild daily high and low temperatures and rain and snow totals in the past were taken directly from the National Weather

Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
09/17	74	46	0.00	x
09/18	76	41	0.00	x
09/19	70	43	0.00	x
09/20	73	36	0.00	x
09/21	80	42	0.00	x
09/22	x	x	0.00	x
09/23	76	52	0.00	x

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
09/17	84	54	0.00	0.0
09/18	84	52	0.00	0.0
09/19	84	48	0.00	0.0
09/20	83	46	0.00	0.0
09/21	82	48	0.00	0.0
09/22	83	53	0.00	0.0
09/23	x	x	0.00	0.0

Service website, which gets its Idyllwild weather information from automatic weather sensing equipment at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. [We are seeking reliable Idyllwild and Pine Cove full-time residents to provide this information. Residents who follow CoCoRaHS procedures would be strongly preferred. CoCoRaHS is an organization of private, amateur weather observers that provides carefully collected data for use by the NWS. If you are interested in providing us with rain and snow reports, please contact jack@towncrier.com or (951) 659-2145.]

Our weather season is July 1 to June 30. Our season totals now have been corrected for the period July 1 through September 17, 2018, which prior to this issue of the TC had been in error. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit us on the Internet at www.idyllwildtowncrier.com or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.



Skies were clear on Tuesday with occasional wind gusts. Southern California Edison had warned of a possible Public Safety Power Shutoff due to possible winds, but as of 1 p.m. power was still on.

PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON



The Idyllwild Arts Academy Environmental Club representing the school for the Sept. 20 global climate strike.

PHOTO COURTESY OF IDYLLWILD ARTS ACADEMY



The We the People March in Idyllwild Saturday, Sept. 21. Marchers head down Village Center Drive from the town monument, "Harmony."

PHOTO BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ

2019 Ernie Maxwell nominees

THE TOWN CRIER STAFF

... And a drumroll, please!
The Town Crier is proud to announce the 2019 Ernie Maxwell Community Spirit Award nominees. They are Joe and Yong Neu, Janice Lyle, and Phyllis Mueller.

Please keep the following in mind when you vote: The individual should have demonstrated a tangible, perhaps physical, effect on the community. The honor is given to an individual or group who represents EMax's spirit of community and volunteerism. Prior awardees took actions that created a spark sufficient to bring others into the fray just as Maxwell did with his activities involving the environment.

Ballots need to be submitted by Oct. 18. To help you decide who to vote for, we compiled all the amazing things that were written about each nominee, in the EMax spirit, of course.

Joe and Yong Neu: The individual who nominated this couple said that they are the embodiment of the word "volunteer." They have run the Feeding America program for more than five years. In addition to that, they collect recyclables and turn the proceeds in to the youth sports programs. If there is anything needed in this community, you can call them. They do anything from coaching youth sports to fundraising and rebuilding homes, like they did for the Loutzenhiser family after the Esperanza Fire. They have coached baseball, soccer and basketball, oh my!

Next on the list is former Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) President Janice Lyle. The individual who nominat-



Janice Lyle



Yong and Joe Neu



Phyllis Mueller

ed Lyle said, "There are few people in our community who better embody the spirit of community and volunteerism than Janice." Lyle has been working for years to ensure ICC has a community center complex. She was able to oversee phase 1 of the project. She was influential in the ICC takeover of recreational services at Town Hall and led the upgrades at the skate park and construction of the new pickleball court.

The last nominee is the chief of staff to Idyllwild's beloved Mayor Max. Phyllis Mueller works tirelessly to get the mayor to engagements that promote Idyllwild, its businesses and community to not just the nation, but the

world. There are many hours spent by the mayor and his staff, who dedicate time to the community and tourists. The mayor has made countless television and media appearances. All of the time and appearances are coordinated by someone, and that someone is Mueller. The hours Mueller volunteers to the cause are "endless."

That's a little information about each nominee. Please remember to get your ballot (on page A6) in to the Town Crier by Oct. 18. The winner will be announced in the Oct. 24 edition of the Town Crier and their name will be added to a plaque in the Town Crier office. Good luck to all of the nominees. We have a great group this year.

Hemet Teachers Association pushes back on district requirements

BY MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ EDITOR

In a nation that experiences active shooters on a daily basis, most go unreported in the national media, it has been a priority of schools to increase its safety measures for the safety of staff and students. Increasing site security has become a priority for many schools. Last month, Hemet Unified School District (HUSD), announced that it was taking new security initiatives. Included in the district's initiatives is the requirement of every employee in the district to take the ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) e-learning training. In addition, teachers are required to complete ad-

ditional Keenan safety training videos.

The Town Crier obtained the following communication sent out on Sept. 5 by Hemet Teachers Association (HTA) President Jason Chrest, which was emailed out to the association's members: "You have been subjected to emails originating at the district office that threaten being placed on 'unpaid status' if the Keenan video trainings are not completed by some arbitrary date."

"Here are the facts: "1. Placing you on unpaid status relating to non-completion of this task is illegal. It would constitute a violation of your right to receive pay for the work you do every day. The district leadership is aware of this. They were invited to send out a retraction

of their email and work with the association to seek completion of these tasks in the spirit of collaboration.

"2. They declined. In fact, they doubled down, stating in their most recent email that this work is to be completed on our own time.

"3. There is no past practice of requiring our members to use their own time to complete these training videos. We cannot be compelled to do so. This task must be completed on the district's time. It is not a recognized use of prep time.

"4. Ed Code states no deadline for the completion of these training videos.

"5. Ed Code mandates only a small subset of the videos we are being asked to complete. Most districts complete nowhere

near the amount of training videos asked of us.

"6. Total required time to complete all videos is now approximately equivalent to one duty day.

"7. Collaboration time allows for professional development. Site administrators may, within their administration-directed collaboration time, set aside opportunities for the completion of these videos. Please ask them to do so.

"Since the district leadership actively chose to take no action, I felt it was my responsibility to bring these facts to light so that all of our members know their rights. The entire manner in which this was handled by district administration is both unfortunate and disturbing. Hopefully, it is a trend that does not continue.

"If you have any questions about what I've presented here, please don't hesitate to email the HTA office or me directly at president@htaonline.org."

When the communication was sent to HUSD, it responded the same day with the following: "It is expected that employees be trained every year on several topics to ensure the safety of our students and staff. The method the district utilizes to deliver this training is Keenan's online platform.

"Several trainings that the district assigns its employees are required per Ed Code (e.g. Ed Code 44691 and SB 778). In addition, there are some trainings that the district expects employees to complete because they have been deemed as best practices

related to having a safe work environment.

"In the unlikely event that an employee does not complete the required training by the predetermined dates, the employee and administrator will work collaboratively to determine a solution that ensures the training will be completed in a timely manner.

"While we understand that the original communication to employees regarding this issue may have caused concern, there is no intent by the district to circumvent the employees' rights to due process or any disciplinary procedures outlined in their respective collective bargaining agreement."

The Town Crier reached out to HTA for comment. HTA did not respond by press time.

Website devoted to scams

The Federal Trade Commission has a website designed to get people talking about scams such as identity theft, imposter scams, charity fraud, health-care scams, paying too much, "you've won" scams and campaign materials.

The information may be found at www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0030-pass-it-on?utm_source=gov-delivery.

Recipes needed for community cookbook

Friends of the Idyllwild Library are creating a community cookbook in honor of the library's centennial. Pick up the submission form at the library to submit your favorite recipe(s). Due to space limitations or duplications, not all submitted recipes will be published. Recipes must be received no later than Oct. 15. Forms may be left in the box at the library or sent to Susan Judkins, P.O. Box 3482 Idyllwild, CA. 92549 or sgorley@gmail.com.



Above, the Sunday Farmers' Market returned to Idyllwild Sunday. It is now located at Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St. Previously, the market was in the parking lot in front of the Town Baker.

Left, on Sunday there was a sign on North Circle Drive reminding residents and telling visitors that the Farmers' Market was open.

PHOTOS BY JP CRUMRINE

OUT LOUD



WITH DIAZ HERNANDEZ

I ended the last Out Loud letting the taxpayers know that the Town Crier had requested all email communications between the Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) commissioners regarding the separation of former IFPD Chief Patrick Reitz from the district.

Chief Mark LaMont initially came back with the response that the communications were attorney-client privilege. When the newspaper pushed back stating that attorney-client privilege did not apply in this situation because the newspaper is not asking for communications between commission members and its legal counsel, LaMont sent a response several days later stating something different.

That second response stated that there are “no disclosable records responsive to my request.” Interesting response given that I published communications in my last Out Loud between commission members obtained through a previous public records request by the newspaper.

The communications previously printed show clear violations of the Brown Act. The majority of commission members engaged in a conversation regarding district business that did not occur during a commission meeting with proper agenda release and public notification. It is a good call that the district, in its Sept. 24 commission meeting agenda, listed a webinar for commission members to “review/discuss/approve” on the “Brown Act principles, traps and avoiding violations” as an upcoming educational event.

—Melissa Diaz Hernandez, Editor

Health crisis at Salton Sea

Dr. Ruiz calls for a congressional hearing on the imminent health crisis at the Salton Sea

THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN RAUL RUIZ
CONTRIBUTED

Rep. Raul Ruiz, M.D., D-Palm Desert, continues to sound the alarm that federal agencies must be held accountable for and fully engage in the imminent public health crisis at the Salton Sea. Ruiz and Rep. Juan Vargas, D-El Centro, sent a letter to the Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources requesting a congressional hearing on the federal responsibility for managing and mitigating the declining water levels and

“I am committed to bringing additional federal resources to address the impending public health crisis at the Salton Sea.” — Rep. Raul Ruiz, M.D.

dust exposure at the Salton Sea.

“I am committed to bringing additional federal resources to address the impending public health crisis at the Salton Sea,” said Ruiz. “Working with local and state partners, I have advocated for and secured millions in federal funding for Salton Sea projects like the Red Hill Bay project. Congress must hold federal agencies accountable for protecting the public’s health and recognize that managing the sea is an emergency. A hearing will allow me to ask federal agencies tough questions and hold them accountable to their agreements.”

See *Salton Sea*, page A5

How to get a letter published

The Town Crier welcomes letters reflecting all opinions. Letters should be concise and to the point. They should be no longer than 400 words. Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and in upper/lower case (not in all caps). Letters must be identified with the author’s name, address and weekday phone number.

The Town Crier will not publish “thank-you” letters, consumer complaints, form letters, clippings from other publications or poetry. Political letters during election season cost 10 cents per word but are not accepted the week before an election.

We reserve the right to reject or edit letters for length, taste, clarity or frequency of submission. Only one letter per author within a 28-day period. Letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Town Crier staff. Letters may be submitted in person, by mail, by fax (659-2071) or by e-mail (melissa@towncrier.com).
Deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

Membership model spreading

By JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHER

The Town Crier was recently contacted by the editor of the Lakeville Journal in Lakeville, Connecticut. They had read about what you all are accomplishing here at the Town Crier, and they are very interested in this paper’s membership model. We sent them more information about it, and they are now strongly considering a similar model for their paper. A non-nonprofit membership model may also turn out to be a newspaper-saving plan for other communities.

We have explained several times why we feel a nonprofit newspaper would not work in our small community. Nonprofits have boards of directors. Cities with large populations can include numerous people with newspaper experience to serve on boards. However, in our community, there are few people with newspaper experience. More importantly, there are factions in our

community that would love to gain editorial control over their watchdog newspaper by packing its board with directors and former directors of their own organization.

After unsuccessfully trying a myriad of ways to attract business advertising, we believed a membership model possibly could work in our hill community with our NON-nonprofit newspaper. Memberships to the Town Crier are not tax deductible. Members have no ownership or voting interest in your community’s paper. We know our members appreciate the fact that their membership cannot be allowed to influence editorial decisions. The Town Crier continues to provide our community with independent journalism, reporting on our eight local public entities that no one else monitors.

And, you can have your voice heard, whether you are a member or not, at our weekly news meetings, which are open to the public. Please attend and participate on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. at the Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

Abatement assistance: From call to completion

By WOODY HENDERSON, MCFSC BOARD MEMBER
CONTRIBUTED

A quick note from the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council (MCFSC): Though it is late in the season, we are still getting a lot of questions regarding fire abatement around residences and vacant property. People call us because we can often help with the removal of brush and dead trees that will act as additional fuel surrounding a home during a wildland fire incident.

I talked to our project manager Pete Coy, and the process works like this: Residents can call us at 951-659-6208. Coy, or another staff member, will ask the resident to describe what needs to be done. If the resident received a notice from a fire agency, Coy or another staff member will ask that the notice be read. In most cases, a phone call is followed up by a visit from a field supervisor. It is best if the resident is home so the property boundaries and other characteristics of the property are accurately identified.

If MCFSC can help you, a job proposal will be written up and “before” photos will be taken. There are three contractors on the mountain that are properly licensed to do MCFSC abatement projects. MCFSC submits an Exhibit A that describes each project to each of the contractors. The contractors will visit the property to see the proposed job and then return a bid for each of the projects.

MCFSC selects the lowest bid for each job and the property owner is called back with the cost of the project. MCFSC pays 65% of the cost through various grants it works to receive. If approved, the owner cuts a check for the remaining 35% of the project’s cost. Sometimes, there are additional grant funds available to help low-income residents with the 35% cost-share. However, these funds are very limited.

The winning contractor schedules the job with the resident and then comes out to complete the work. When the work is completed, a field supervisor comes back out to inspect the work and take “after” photos.

The normal time frame from the initial call to project completion is approximately three to four weeks. During busier months, the process can take anywhere from six to eight weeks to complete, so it is best to plan your abatement in advance. Consider calling early in the spring.

MCFSC also works closely with The Woodies. The Woodies are a group that help those in need complete smaller abatement projects. The group is comprised solely of volunteers, some with their own gear. Other needed gear and tools are provided by agencies like MCFSC. Firewood produced by The Woodies is given to the Idyllwild HELP Center, who distributes it to seniors and families in need. And you know, they’ve got a cool name.

For more information on MCFSC, visit MCFSC.org.

Vaping is next target

8 deaths and more than 500 cases of lung injuries related to vaping

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

“Vaping” is smoking electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) and is supposed to help people stop smoking. E-cigarettes heat nicotine (extracted from tobacco), flavorings and other chemicals to create a water vapor that the smoker inhales.

However, vaping apparently brings its own threat to human life. In the past several weeks, health officials across the country have attributed eight deaths to vaping. Innumerable people have become sick and some needed hospital care. The seventh vaping-blamed death occurred in California about 10 days ago.

On Monday, Sept. 16, when the California vaping death was announced, Gov. Gavin Newsom issued an executive order to confront the growing youth epidemic and health risks linked to vaping.

The principal step directs the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to launch a \$20 million statewide digital and social media public awareness campaign to educate youth, young adults and parents about the health risks associated with vaping nicotine and cannabis products.

The purpose is to reduce the availability of vaping devices to people under 21 years old. The Department of Tax and Fee Administration will develop recommendations to remove counterfeit vaping products from stores and increase enforcement including nicotine content in the calculation of tax on e-cigarettes.

CDPH is also directed to develop a campaign to warn young adults and youth of the dangers of smoking and the use of vaping products. Retail locations, which sell vaping equipment and flavors, will be the focus of these warnings.

“We must take immediate action to meet the urgency behind this public health crisis and youth epidemic,” Newsom said in the press release announcing the executive order. “As a parent, I understand the anxiety caused by the deceptive marketing tactics and flavored options designed to target our kids. With mysterious lung illnesses and deaths on the rise, we have to educate our kids and do

everything we can to tackle this crisis.”

On the same day, Newsom signed Senate Bill 39. This legislation imposes stricter age verification requirements for tobacco products sold online or by mail.

“We must build a strong, comprehensive legislative package to attack this problem in California and get to the heart of the problem: the products themselves,” wrote State Sen. Jerry Hill, D-San Mateo, assembly members Kevin McCarthy, D-Sacramento, and Jim Wood, D-Santa Rosa, in a joint statement following Newsom’s signing of the order.

“We fully support the governor’s belief that these products should be banned, and we look forward to working with him to pass legislation that will bring an end to this public health crisis and protect the youth in our state,” they concluded.

According to the governor’s executive order and press release, vaping devices are the most commonly used tobacco product in California and more than 80% of high-school teens who consume tobacco use a vaping device.

From 2016 to 2018, vaping among California high school students rose 27%. In 2018, 10.9% of California high school students reported using e-cigarettes and 14.7% reported using e-cigarettes with cannabis.

On Sept. 19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported more than 530 cases of lung injury have been identified in 38 states and 1 U.S. territory.

CDP added, “All reported cases have a history of e-cigarette product use or vaping.” Most patients have reported a history of using e-cigarette products containing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). Many patients have reported using THC and nicotine. Some have reported the use of e-cigarette products containing only nicotine.

Based on reports from several states, patients have experienced respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, or chest pain), and some have also experienced gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea) or non-specific constitutional symptoms (fatigue, fever, or weight loss), according to the CDC Aug. 30 Health Alert.

Vaping products are not new to the market. Various vaping equipment and options have been available for more than a decade.

What is new is the recent surge, that began in the spring, in illness, sickness, hospitalization and deaths of e-cigarette users.

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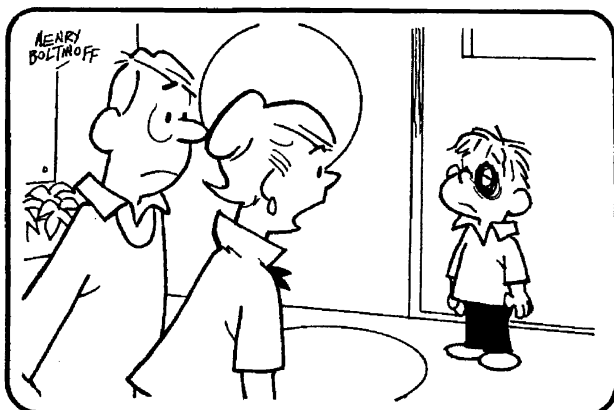


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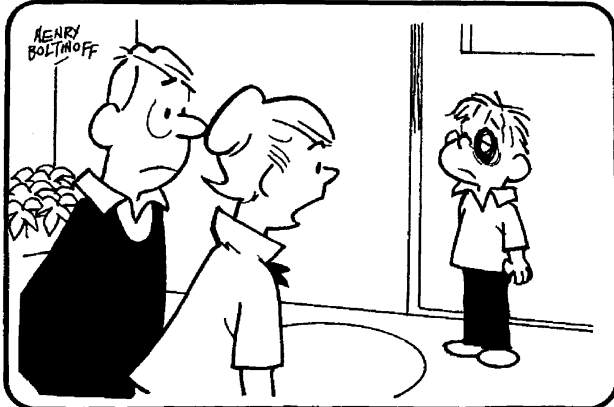
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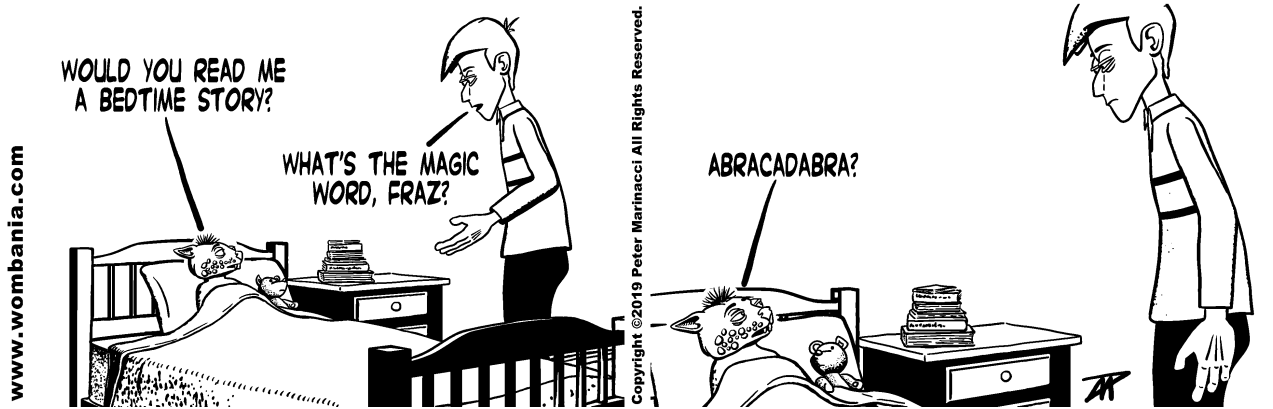


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Two ways to get your Medicare

BY GREG DILL
MEDICARE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

Did you know that there are two different ways to receive your Medicare benefits?

The most popular way is Original Medicare. With Original Medicare, you can choose any doctor, hospital, or other healthcare provider you want, as long as they accept Medicare. When you receive medical services or goods, Medicare pays the provider directly.

The other way is Medicare Advantage, which is a form of managed care, like an HMO or PPO. Medicare Advantage plans are sold by private insurance companies, which Medicare approves. If you're in Medicare Advantage, you generally must go to doctors and other providers within the company's network.

On the other hand, Medicare Advantage plans may offer some benefits — such as dental, hearing, and vision — that Original Medicare does not.

Most people with Original Medicare pay a monthly premium. Some Medicare Advantage plans charge an additional monthly premium, and others do not.

With Original Medicare, you must pay deductibles and/or coinsurance when you get care.

To cover these "gaps" in Medicare, some people buy supplemental insurance called Medigap. If you have a Medigap policy, Medicare pays its share of the covered costs, and then your Medigap policy pays its share.

Original Medicare generally doesn't cover prescription drugs. If you want drug coverage, you can purchase a Medicare part D plan. Like Medicare Advantage, part D plans are sold by private insurers, which charge a monthly premium for them.

About 70% of Medicare beneficiaries are currently in Original Medicare. The rest get coverage through Medicare Advantage.

Medicare Advantage companies must cover all of the services that Original Medicare covers, except hospice care and some care in qualifying clinical research studies (Original Medicare covers these items even if you're in a Medicare Advantage plan).

Medicare Advantage plans cover emergency and urgent care, and many include some prescription drug coverage.

But the plans can charge different out-of-pocket amounts and they have different rules for how you get service.

For example, you may need a referral to see a specialist. And you may need to stay in their provider network, unless you're willing to pay more to go outside the network.

You should always check with the plan before you get a service to find out whether it's covered and what your costs may be. If the plan decides to stop participating in Medicare, you can join another Medicare health plan or return to Original Medicare.

How can you decide whether Original Medicare or Medicare Advantage is better for you?

There's a more detailed explanation of the differences between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage in the "Medicare & You" handbook, which is mailed to all Medicare households every fall. The handbook is also available through our website, www.Medicare.gov (Go to "helpful links" at the bottom of the page).

You can shop for a health or drug plan using the Medicare Plan Finder, also available on the Medicare.gov website. Click on the button that says, "Find health & drug plans."

If you have any questions, you can always call Medicare's toll-free number, 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Customer service representatives are available 24 hours, seven days a week.

If you'd like to join a Medicare Advantage or part D drug plan, you can do so during Medicare's open enrollment period, which runs from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7 each year.

If you're in Original Medicare and you're satisfied with it, you don't need to do anything during open enrollment. We find that people with Medicare Advantage or part D plans can often save money by shopping around.

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Greg Dill is Medicare's regional administrator for Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii, and the Pacific Territories.



Idyllwild Rotary President Tom Kluzak (left) presents Shelia Ben, Native American art coordinator at the Idyllwild Arts Academy, with the coveted Rotary Squirrel for being the speaker at the Rotary's Sept. 18 meeting. PHOTO BY THOM WALLACE

Salton Sea

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In congress, Ruiz has prioritized protecting the public from this environmental hazard. Ruiz brokered a \$30-million federal funding commitment for the Salton Sea, pushed for the groundbreaking of the Red Hill Bay project, and protected the long-term water supply for the Salton Sea through legislation earlier this year.

By pushing for a congressional hearing, Ruiz is continuing the fight through yet another avenue: holding federal officials accountable for the slow action to address the Salton Sea. Ruiz's top concern is preventing toxic particulate matter from blowing into communities and harming public health, the environment, and the economy of the Coachella Valley, the greater Los Angeles area, and the entire Southern California region.

Background

The Salton Sea is the largest body of water in California covering roughly 370 square miles across Imperial and Riverside counties. The federal government — including the Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, and the Fish and Wildlife Service — is the largest

public owner of land under and around the sea and maintains trust responsibilities to the Torrez Martinez Desert Cañuilla Indians.

In 2003, the Quantification Settlement Agreement between regional water districts and the state of California facilitated additional inflows to the Salton Sea, helping slow the pace of the receding shoreline. That agreement ended in December 2017, which has greatly reduced inflows to the sea.

In 2016, with Ruiz's support and urging, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the California Natural Resources Agency signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to work hand-in-hand to protect the long-term health of the sea and families across Southern California. The MOU included a federal commitment of \$30 million for dust suppression and habitat restoration projects. The MOU also included directives for interagency partnerships and streamlined participation in Salton Sea projects. Ruiz has secured language in appropriations bills in 2018 and 2019 affirming congress' support for this MOU.

In 2018, Ruiz secured passage of an amendment in the FY19 Energy and Wa-

ter Appropriations Act directing the Bureau of Reclamation to spend \$2 million on Salton Sea projects. In FY19, the bureau spent \$2.5 million on various projects, including the Red Hill Bay project, and the North Shore Marina restoration. In FY18, the bureau included \$1.5 million for Salton Sea projects.

In 2019, as part of H.R. 2740, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Defense, State, Foreign Operations, and Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, Dr. Ruiz again secured his amendment directing \$2 million for Salton Sea projects.

The 2018 Farm Bill included modifications to several programs at USDA to facilitate federal investment in the Salton Sea. The Farm Bill expanded the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to allow for water districts and states to apply for funding and use funds for off-farm conservation projects. The Farm Bill also gives the Secretary of Agriculture the ability to renew Regional Conservation Partnership Program projects so that ongoing projects can be finished without needing to reapply.



Rep. Raul Ruiz, M.D. represents the 36th congressional district, which includes Idyllwild. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN RAUL RUIZ, M.D.

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Homelessness: regional remedy proposed

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

As homelessness in Riverside County continues to increase and impact communities across the county, including Idyllwild, a regional response to the county's homeless crisis has been proposed.

Hemet City Councilmember Karlee Meyer and Project Hope II Founder Stacie Olson proposed a plan to Third District Riverside County Supervisor Chuck Washington. The two women co-founded the Homeless Outreach Team and the "Know Where It Goes" campaign, aimed to educate people on where their money goes when they give to panhandlers. The campaign urges people to give money to organizations that assist in getting people off the streets. It is a partnership between Hemet and San Jacinto Valley nonprofit groups.

"Instead of being proactive, we are being reactive," said Olson.

"Law enforcement is overburdened," said Washington.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department had the following response when asked what the department spends annually on transient, homeless and quality of life issues: "The Riverside County Sheriff's Department is committed to the issues surrounding quality of life and homelessness. Countywide the department funds two deputy positions committed to homelessness. They work to link county stations and station homeless liaisons to services offered by county partners, nonprofits, and other agencies who work closely with those issues surrounding quality of life.

"Each patrol station also has at least one deputy designated to issues of homelessness and quality of life. That does not include the calls patrol deputies respond to on a day-to-day basis. It would be very difficult to quantify the cost, in response to these issues. We are committed to making our communities safer, and welcoming to all, while still respecting the rights of the citizens we serve."

Just down the mountain, the Hemet Police Department alone spends \$2,272,017 annually, according to the presentation given by Meyer and Olson.

The homeless, transient and quality of life issues are pulling resources away from law enforcement being able to adequately deal with crime throughout the state.

Other city and county departments are impacted by cleaning up parks, repairing public restrooms, mental health and medical aid calls, fires, and having debris and personal items removed from the street or encampment.

The plan proposed by Meyer and Olson outlines immediate need. Chronic homelessness is on the rise, an 88% increase from 2018, according to the Point-in-Time Count taken this past January. The count identified 766 sheltered and 2,045 unsheltered adults and children countywide. Cities shift the homeless population to another city using law enforcement. This does not solve the problem. It only makes it look like homelessness has declined, when in reality, it hasn't declined at all.

Some communities are convinced that other surrounding communities are sending homeless individuals to their cities. Washington says that is not true.

The plan proposes an area or facility on county property designated for the homeless that includes wrap-around services that treats mental health and substance abuse, teaches fiscal responsibility, job training and more.

"The communities are recognizing that there is not one solution to homelessness," said Washington. "There are many reasons someone can become homeless. We are not going to round everyone up and put them in one location. It is not a reality."

As of right now, the county is "trying to create a structure with a quick point of contact to hand off the individual to someone that can help," Washington told the Town Crier. "What we lack right now is a coordinated entry system and adequate housing. It is fiscally inefficient to buy a bunch of beds if we do not know what we are getting."

Washington went to Sacramento a few months back to ask the state to assist with resources. There is a desire to turn the inpatient mental health facility in Riverside to an outpatient facility and build another inpatient facility projected to cost \$120 million. He is optimistic that the state will help since it is looking to bring solutions to homelessness and mental health.

This past year, in addition to funding provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the county received additional funds from the state. The funds received from the state are not as restrictive as funds received from HUD, said Washington.



JP Crumrine (left) with State Sen. Jeff Stone's Communications Director John Hunneman. PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON

JP Crumrine recognized by Sen. Jeff Stone

By MELISSA DIAZ HERNANDEZ
EDITOR

In honor of JP Crumrine's retirement from the Town Crier, John Hunneman, communications director for State Sen. Jeff Stone, R-La Quinta, stopped by the office on Sept. 24 to present Crumrine with a certificate of recognition.

It reads: "As your state senator, I want to commend you as you head off to your well-deserved retirement from the Idyllwild Town Crier. A free press is the backbone of our democracy. Your many years of bringing the news to the people of your community, as well as your support of events and activities, have been in keeping with the highest standards of professional journalism."

CSA 38

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progresses, the committee wants to monitor the actual expenses rather than an accrual balance.

Several other questions were raised and resulted in more questions rather than satisfying answers.

"Our administrative fee [to the county] is 10% of new revenue annually," Committee Chair Jerry Holdber, who also serves as the General Manager of Pine Cove Water District (PCWD), stated. "Our requests deserve better analysis and explanation." Riverside County allocates CSA 38 about \$9,500 annually to administer the CSA. This includes managing finances and EDA's oversight. CSA 38 has approximately a \$400,000 cash balance. The current revenue from the property tax is \$90,000.

"I take a vested interest in the cash balance," Alvarez replied. "I'm more than happy to look into it and provide a more detailed analysis." He then offered to bring a representative from the finance department to the next CSA 38 meeting.

When the committee took up its current business, it approved reimbursing the PCWD for much of the costs associated with the recent open house at Station 23 on Aug. 3. Holdber did not dismiss himself from the discussion but did abstain from voting.



Thom Wallace, a member of the County Service Area 38 Advisory Committee. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

CSA 38, PCWD and the Pine Cove Property Owners Association shared the costs for the event.

In other business, the committee confirmed its commitment to contribute funds to the work for local fuel breaks, road clearance,



David Alvarez, of the Riverside County Economic Development Administration, works with many County Service Areas (CSA) including CSA 38 in Pine Cove and CSA 36 in Idyllwild.

PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

and the purchase of 10 fire hydrants. Five will be upgrades of current equipment and five will be installed at various new locations.

The CSA 38 expenses for the three projects will be approximately \$130,000.

Free address signs are still available at the Pine Cove Fire Station (Station 23), said Capt. Kathy Garver. The committee did authorize \$1,500 to purchase additional supplies. Garver estimated that more than 240 address signs had been prepared and given out in the past two years.

Committee member Marge Muir questioned Garver about the current fuel inspection program and how the public, especially real estate agents, can obtain information about whether a property needs fuel abatement or has passed the inspection.

Garver replied that inspections were being done, but were not yet completed.

This and the new state process and data program will be on the agenda of the January meeting, the committee agreed. Also on that meeting's agenda will be an update on the recently purchased equipment — masticator and chipper.

The next CSA 38 meeting will be 2 p.m. on Jan. 14, 2020 at the PCWD boardroom.

Kirchner

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Jenny was the youngest and only one selected from the west coast.

Jenny received her crime scene investigation certificate from UCR Extension in June 2006.

She was also the campus photographer and digital and social media manager at Idyllwild Arts Academy.

Fern Valley

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Because El-Co works a four, 10-hour workday, Jimenez told the board that he planned to extend the district's 4/10 schedule through November in order to coincide with the contractor. This would ensure better coverage and oversight of the work. The item passed unanimously.

FVWD's water status is good, Jimenez reported. While well production increased some in August, it was significantly less than a year ago. The August rains in Fern Valley increased run off and the district cut back on stream water use, he added.

The groundwater level of the district's wells fell slightly in August, Jimenez reported.

In addition, the water samples for early September indicated a high coliform level in the treatment tank. Consequently, he relied more on well water. Further testing showed the initial test results were a false positive, Jimenez added.

"We resampled with good results, all the vessels have returned to service," he wrote in his report.

FVWD water usage during the July and August billing period was 7.7 million gallons, which was 290,000 gallons, or just under 4% greater than July and August 2018.

For the first eight months of the year, FVWD has used 23.7 million gallons, just 34,000 gallons less than the same period a year ago.

However, unaccounted-for water usage has risen to 29% for the period. There was no discussion of this issue during the meeting.

The board did change the date of its October meeting to 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11 instead of Oct. 18.

IWD

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in July. I'd like to continue it and see its effects in all seasons," Creighton stated.

Field manager Jerry Johnson, in response to a question about its impact on field projects, said staff works the same number of hours per week, but the longer day allows for a smoother flow of work and less carry over to the next day.

Hunt concurred with Kunkle and argued it seemed to cause more problems than it alleviated. "It reduces customer service benefits especially in the office," he believes. "We need the office open 9 a.m.-5 p.m."

The office staff indicated to the board that they have not heard or received complaints about the office hours. Creighton said earlier in the meeting he was working to install a window for the public to use when only one person was in the office.

As the discussion ended, Director Peter Szabadi noted that no one had identified any "big problems with the 4/10 schedule" and no emergencies had

occurred. He was willing to extend the 4/10 work schedule.

Eventually, Kunkle made a motion to end the 4/10 work schedule for all staff on Sept. 30. Hunt seconded the motion. Board President Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly asked if Hunt would accept ending the 4/10 schedule on Oct. 31. He and Hunt agreed, but they would not accept a change to specify a date for resuming it without an evaluation of its effects from Creighton.

Szabadi and Director Les Gin opposed the motion, Schelly abstained. The motion failed in a 2-2 vote.

A second motion, which Szabadi offered, also extended the 4/10 schedule to Oct. 31, but would resume it on March 1. This motion passed 4-1.

Hiring freeze

Next, the board had to return to the issue of whether or not to implement a hiring freeze and how long, if passed, it would be imposed.

Creighton wanted to have any hiring limitation eliminated. He had earlier explained his wish to hire some temporary

staff to complete several projects this fall. Also, he was close to hiring a field supervisor and did not wish to delay that decision.

After some debate, Schelly proposed a motion to "not implement a hiring freeze." This failed in a 2-3 vote. Szabadi, Hunt and Kunkle opposed the motion.

After more discussion, clarifying that the freeze would still be in effect. Szabadi made a motion to reconsider the issue. On the second vote, it passed 4-1 with only Hunt supporting the continuation of the freeze.

Pipeline replacement

Before addressing the staff work schedules, the board heard about the status of the pipeline replacement project along South Circle Drive and Village Center Drive. This is essentially complete, but required more time than anticipated because so many large rocks were embedded in the ground under the road.

The contractor, El-Co Contractors Inc., submitted an invoice for an additional \$124,233. After talking to a

field foreman for El-Co Contractors Inc., the board agreed to pay the additional costs. Szabadi was the only director to oppose this action. The newspaper asked Chief Financial Officer Hosny Shouman for the invoice, which he immediately emailed over.

The invoice, broken into two parts, is published with this story. The invoice notes extra time encountered. The "original contract costs were set at \$561,526. Three billings were scheduled to pay the project costs. The first payment was [made] June 19 at \$253,893, the second payment was [made] July 15 at \$125,946 and the third payment was \$123,685, totaling \$503,524 leaving a balance of \$58,000," according to the memo from General Manager Michael Creighton included with the Sept. 18 board packet.

The memo continues, "On Aug. 21, I met with John Wiles (El-Co) to discuss the additional cost of the pipeline project. [The district] received two bills, \$18,104 and \$116,528, based on the additional labor and equipment costs for working with

the excess boulders and rock on Village Center Drive, which slowed down the work production. The estimated total is \$134,633."

The total was \$124,233 instead of the estimated \$134,633. With the \$58,000 balance, the project ran \$66,233 over budget.

Sewer annexation

Adopting a resolution to impose a moratorium on annexation to the sewer district required no discussion or debate and was unanimously approved.

Water business

IWD produced 8.9 million gallons of water in August. Repairing several major leaks resulted in the production of nearly 5 million less gallons than in July. The August production was also 17% less than the 10.8 million produced in August 2018.

For the year-to-date, IWD's water production is 67.8 million gallons, which is 6.4%, or 4 million gallons greater than the water production for the first eight months of 2018.

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San Diego Zoo working to restore Mountain Yellow-legged Frogs to their mountain habitat

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The San Diego Zoo Global, a not-for-profit organization that operates the San Diego Zoo and the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, continued its efforts to restore a stable and thriving population of Mountain Yellow-legged Frogs (MYLF) in the San Jacinto Mountains.

Earlier this month, a team of scientists, led by Dr. Debra Shier, associate director for the Conservation Research Division of the San Diego Zoo, released 87 tadpoles and 30 adults into the Stone Creek habitat.

"The good news is we're making progress," Shier said.

Last year, many tadpoles were released. Shier was happy to discover many had survived the winter and evolved into juvenile frogs on the mountain.

"Tadpoles are the risky stage," she stated. "Once they can get through tadpole to juvenile, they are more likely to survive ... if hundreds of tadpoles are released, we rarely saw any juveniles."

This is one reason the zoo is keeping the tadpoles until they become juveniles. She did say, there is one adult that was released in 2016 that is doing well.

To assign success to the reintroduction of a species, Shier described four steps that need to be successfully achieved.

First, the species must settle into the release site. Second, scientists verify if the species survived at the location. Next, the population must begin to grow beyond the numbers released. Finally, success means there is a viable and stable population.

The MYLF doesn't reproduce until its third or



A Mountain Yellow-legged Frog
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fourth year, according to Shier. "So we have a couple more years [to wait]," she added. "But they have amazing reproductive output."

"For each individual that survives, it makes an exponential difference in the species' recovery," she said.

This year, in collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey, the zoo was able to develop transmitters small enough to be implanted in the frog's tissue.

Transmitters have been used in the past, but they had to be applied to the frogs skin, and often fell off, as the frogs moved through the stream habitat.

The frogs are not big so an on-site survey of the population often missed many which were able to hide under rocks or in crevices.

These improved transmitters will help the zoo collect valuable data on the MYLF's activities. Shier hopes the data will let them know how the frogs settle in the win-



A team of scientist from the San Diego Zoo Institute of Conservation Research recently released adult and tadpole Mountain Yellow-legged Frogs into a historic habitat on the mountain.
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ter, how much of the habitat they use, and which release sites most benefit the population.

The transmitters will have enough power to send signals during the winter and possibly into the spring.

While the drought years earlier in the decade posed a challenge for the MYLF's survival, this year looks positive. "There is a lot of water still in the creeks this late in the summer," she said.

Over the past 40 years, the MYLF population steadily declined due to multiple factors including habitat loss, drought, introduced predators (trout), pollution and the deadly amphibian disease chytridiomycosis, caused by the chytrid fungus. The frog population numbers fell so dramatically that the species was listed as endangered, under the Endangered Species Act.

Staff from the San Diego Zoo's Institute for Conservation Research has been working to restore the MYLF population for more than a decade. In 2006, scientists collected Mountain Yellow-legged Frog tadpoles from the remaining wild populations in the San Jacinto Mountains and took them to the zoo's institute where, for the first time, specialists were able to establish a captive breeding program for the species.

The success of the captive breeding enabled a release of tadpoles in 2010.

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Laura Sherman will present 'The Visible Changes on the Idyllwild Arts Campus'

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The Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation's next Spotlight on Leadership presentation is Monday, Oct. 14. Laura Sherman, vice president of campus planning and facilities management at Idyllwild Arts Academy, will share her story.

Sherman will speak about visible projects now underway and in the future on the Idyllwild Arts Academy campus.

The Spotlight on Leadership series happens monthly with leaders from Idyllwild Arts Academy and the community. The meeting is at 10 a.m. in the Fireside Room in the Nelson Dining Hall on the Idyllwild Arts Academy campus. The series is open to all at no charge.



Laura Sherman, vice president of campus planning and facilities management at Idyllwild Arts Academy.
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Women of Jazz to perform in Idyllwild

Three singers lead a tour through the history of America's music

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The influence of women on the evolution of jazz will be highlighted by a special performance presented by the Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation at 2 p.m. on Nov. 9 at the William M. Lowman Concert Hall on the Idyllwild Arts

Academy campus.

That Saturday afternoon, Rose Mallett, Yve Evans and Rose Colella's show "Women of Jazz" will raise money to support scholarships for the music students of the Idyllwild Arts Academy. You can get tickets at www.associatesofiaf.org to hear these sensational jazz vocalists perform with the Idyllwild Arts Academy's jazz students and faculty.

"Women of Jazz" will include Mallett's one-woman show "The Songs of Sarah," a tribute to the incomparable Sarah Vaughan, which Mallett premiered in New York City last summer.

She will be joined on stage by Evans,

who started performing at age six and has played around the world, and by Colella, fresh from her New York debut at the legendary Feinstein's/54 Below and from the release of her much anticipated album, "Cocktail."

Colella, who recently taught master classes at Northwestern University and Roosevelt University, will bring all of her mastery to a memorable afternoon of collaboration with Mallett and Evans.

General admission tickets are \$25 per person. A VIP ticket package for \$50 per person includes preferred seating at the front of the hall and an invitation to a meet and greet reception after the show.

Tickets and sponsorships are available at www.associatesofiaf.org. You can also buy tickets by mailing a check payable to The Associates/Jazz to P.O. Box 303, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

The Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation was established in 1968 as a nonprofit corporation with a mission to support the arts and students of the Idyllwild Arts Academy and Summer Program. The Associates have donated \$2.2 million to the Idyllwild Arts scholarship funds, as well as countless volunteer hours. Learn more about the Associates at www.associatesofiaf.org and more about Idyllwild Arts Academy at www.idyllwildarts.org.



WUTI WEEKEND: All weekend long Idyllwild was hosting "Women Under the Influence" (WUTI), a community that works at the axis of film, music, and fashion. They have mainline access to the heart of Los Angeles, New York, and London culture. Their unique vantage point with a female focus contributes to the conversations in a predominately male driven industry in new and vital ways. Dozens of film screenings, discussion panels and celebrations at multiple venues including The Rustic Theatre, Ferro, and Town Hall enriched town with many talents. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

Producer **Karah Preiss** (left) speaks with author **Claire Evans** about her book "Broad Band: The Untold Story of the Women Who Made the Internet" Sunday at the Rustic Theatre during a discussion panel at the WUTI event. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



The Rustic Theatre was the hub of this weekend's film festival, "Women Under the Influence." PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

On Sept. 17, the Idyllwild Community Forum, which is a nonaffiliated discussion group, met to talk about "The Lessons of History" by Will Durant. The group meets each month and talks about topics that range from science to philosophy, and everything in between. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Steele to tee it up in the Safeway

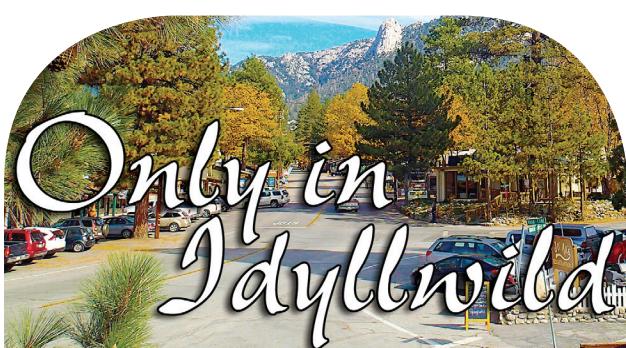
BY JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele plays this week in the \$6.6 million Safeway Open on the Silverado Resort and Spa North course in Napa. Steele has won this tournament twice before. Montreal superfans André Pilon and wife Pierrette Filion will be on hand and can provide us with some rope-side information regarding Steele.

Currently, the Idyllwild native is tied for 61st on the FedExCup points list for this season.

This is a pivotal time for the three-time tour winner since the three-year tour card exemption he earned by winning the Safeway Open during the 2017/2018 season runs out at the end of this season. In addition to always playing for a fourth win, he will need to be in the top 125 on the FedExCup list or be in the top 125 on the official money list at the end of this season in order to earn his playing card for next season.

Steele tees off Thursday at 7:30 a.m. PDT and Friday at 12:15 p.m. PDT. His playing partners for both days will be C.T. Pan and Pat Perez.



BY KRISTY FRAZIER

Only in Idyllwild would the local garage check all of the electrical parts, charge the battery for four hours, drop off your car at your front door, and do it all for free!

I love this town! If you have an "Only in Idyllwild" story, you can submit your story to melissa@towncrier.com. Please keep the stories positive and community appropriate. We will not run "Thank You" submissions.

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Mariana Gómez's visit launches tour

BY DAVID PELHAM
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Looking back at our first presentation of "The Art of the Guitar in Mexico" at the William M. Lowman Hall in 2017, many will remember Mariana Gómez. She was one of the two guitarists, both natives of Paracho, Michoacán, who performed. The other, Juan Pablo Sixtos, continues his successful studies in conservatory in Morelia, Michoacán, but Gómez is suddenly everywhere!

Since her performance in Idyllwild, Gómez has performed in New York, Jaragua do Sul, Brasil; Mikulov, Czech Republic; Cusco and Lima, Peru; Kitchner, Montreal and Toronto, Canada. She has also performed in dozens of cities in Mexico, including Tijuana.

Gómez is now on tour in Mexico promoting the release of her CD "El Color de la Guitarra Mexicana." Her promotional materials for the tour and CD mention Idyllwild right alongside New York City! We might like to think perhaps her performance here helped launch her recent success, and maybe it did boost her confidence.

Beyond Gómez's talent, musicality and personal charm, she put together a team that includes a photographer, who has produced many pictures of her in spectacular settings. All this has been aided greatly by her friend Sergio Vallin, lead guitarist for the very successful Mexican rock group Maná, who has encouraged her. He has also helped Gómez make connections. Famed Paraguayan guitarist Berta Rojas has provided supporting remarks on her CD notes.

On Nov. 10, we will have another pair of talented and very entertaining guitarists performing at the William M. Lowman Hall. More about them later, but save the date and we'll see you there at 2 p.m.



Mariana Gómez
PHOTO BY ANGÉLICA RODRIGUEZ

Tobias presents free pottery events

Mountain Pottery continues its free community events this year. From 10 to 11 a.m. Saturdays, Dr. Arthur Tobias will give pottery wheel demonstrations. The second Monday of each month, Tobias will facilitate an "Artists on Art" video and discussion series beginning at 7 p.m.

Chess club is on Tuesdays

The Idyllwild Chess Club meets from 4 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Idyllwild Library. Beginners are encouraged to come and learn the "royal game." Bring a chess set if you have one.

Scholarship donations accepted

The Idyllwild Scholarship Board is requesting community donations to support scholarships for 2020 high school graduates.

Donations may be sent to Idyllwild Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 778, Idyllwild, CA 92549. All donations are tax-deductible.



The autumnal equinox was celebrated at Spirit Mountain Retreat Sunday afternoon. Here, Anne Ancheta (left) and Bronwyn Jones (right) speak to the many people who attended the celebration. At left: Local Color provided music at the celebration of the autumnal equinox at Spirit Mountain Retreat Sunday. PHOTOS BY PETER SZABADI



On Saturday, Sept. 21, Patrice Morris returned to Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery to perform her tribute to Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul.



Dozens of people filled the Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery Saturday to hear Patrice Morris sing her tribute to Aretha Franklin. PHOTOS BY PETER SZABADI

'The Guide for Charities'

California Attorney General Xavera Becerra has released "The Guide for Charities" to give charities the tools they need to comply with laws. The guide seeks to promote best practices to help directors and officers of charities better understand their responsibilities.

The guide is available at www.oag.ca.gov/system/files/attachments/press_releases/guide_for_charities.pdf.



The soul, funk and rock groove of the Tricia Pilkington Trio permeated Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery Friday night. Members of the trio (from left to right) are Todd Fowler, on drums, Tricia Pilkington, guitar and vocals, and Makai Metzler, on guitar. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Something new and different

THE CHAT
CONTRIBUTED

The Chat Room, a new daytime group in Idyllwild, aims to provide a place for the discussion of things that matter — to you personally, or to the world at large.

Starting Oct. 3, the group will meet on the first Thursday of every month from 3-5 p.m. in the Hill House at Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St., for quiet, non-confrontational conversation about art, science, world politics, life, etc.

Conceived by Idyllwild resident and humanities

scholar Jenny Egan, the Chat Room is designed to provide a way for people of varying beliefs and backgrounds to clarify their own ideas while helping others sort out theirs.

Egan has invited psychotherapist Janette Johnson to co-facilitate the meetings. Egan said with a smile, "Her spirituality will be a good counterbalance to my skepticism."

Hot water will be available, so bring your own tea. Participants are encouraged to bring their own coffee.

Admission is free, but donations allowing Spirit Mountain to support activities such as this will be accepted.

Holistic healing circle at retreat

Suzie Bennett leads a holistic healing circle from 2 to 4 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month in either the Hill House or the Contemplative Garden at Spirit Mountain Retreat. The next is July 17.

Participants will explore and experience their chakras, learning how to heal, nourish and vitalize themselves utilizing intention, color, sound and essential oils.

The event is free but donations are accepted.

Free uke lessons at Royal Pines

Chris Johnson offers free ukulele classes at the Royal Pines Trailer Park clubhouse at 11 a.m. Tuesdays. The event is open to the public.

Got California veterans' photos?

Over the past five years, community newspapers from across the country have joined the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's Faces Project.

VVMF is the organization that built and maintains the Vietnam Veterans Wall in Washington D.C. Several years ago, the VVFM started a project known as the "Faces Project." VVFM is attempting to obtain a photo of every service member killed in action and listed on the Wall.

Today, 175 photos are missing from California. You can help find these photos by viewing www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces/.



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15 Succumb to gravity
16 Bloodhound's clue
17 Poker variety
18 Half an aphorism
21 Atmosphere
22 Spring time
23 Counterfeit
26 Festive
27 Kreskin's claim
30 " — Lang Syne"
31 Tenor Peerce
32 Tolerate
33 Spelldown
34 Follow relentlessly
35 Linger
36 Old French
37 Scale member
38 18-Across' other half
45 PC operator
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48 Stead
49 Figure-skating jump
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51 Mary's follower
52 Muse's music-maker
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2 Calendar quota
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26 Joke
27 Wet wriggler
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HOROSCOPES
September 2019 — Week 4

March 21 — April 19
An upcoming trip could create some problems with your schedule unless you tie up as many loose ends as possible before you head out the door. Ask a friend or colleague to help you.

April 20 — May 20
Being eager to start a new project is fine. However, moving ahead without knowing what actually will be expected of you could cause a problem down the line. Ask some questions.

May 21 — June 21
Getting through some recent challenges in good shape might give you a false sense of security. Don't relax your guard. You need to be prepared for what else could happen.

June 22 — July 22
Caution is still advised, even though you think you're as prepared as you need to be. Keep in mind that change is in your aspect, and you should expect the unexpected.

July 23 — August 22
The Lion's gift of persuasion helps you get your points across, even to some of your most negative naysayers. An old friend might seek you out for some advice.

August 23 — September 22
Being sure of your convictions is fine. But leave some room for dissenting opinions. You might learn something that could help you avoid a possible problem later on.

September 23 — October 22
Getting good legal advice on what your rights actually are is the first step toward resolving that pesky problem so that it doesn't re-emerge at a later date. Good luck.

October 23 — November 21
Longtime relationships work well this week, whether they're personal or professional. It's a good time to invite new friends and colleagues into your life.

November 22 — December 21
This is a good week to do the research that will help you uncover those irrefutable facts that can back you up on your new venture when you most need it.

December 22 — January 19
Change is an important factor in your aspect this week and could affect something you might have thought was immune to any sort of adjustment or "alteration."

January 20 — February 18
Being asked to share someone's deeply personal confidence might be flattering, but accepting could be unwise. Decline gracefully but firmly.

February 19 — March 20
As wise as you are, you could still be misled by someone who seems to be sincere but might not be. Take more time to assess the situation before making any commitments.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY
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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor.
Email melissa@towncrier.com. Event charges may apply.

- Wednesday, Sept. 25**
- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Beat Nite, 6:30-9 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
- Thursday, Sept. 26**
- Dustin Louis Blank, 6-9 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro, 54245 N. Circle Dr., Ste. C-8.

- Friday, Sept. 27**
- Jamie & The Len-Tones, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
 - Re-purposing a Purpose: Art Space as Playground Reception, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Arts, Parks Exhibition Center, 52500 Temecula Rd.
 - Opening Reception: Sculpture Show, 6 pm. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts, 52500 Temecula Rd.
 - David ThePage Dapeer, 7-10 p.m. Backroom, 54200 N. Circle Dr.
- Saturday, Sept. 28**
- Free pottery demonstration, 10-11 a.m. Mountain Pottery, 54716 N. Circle Dr.
 - Change Required, 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
 - Pentagrams & Daises, 7-10 p.m. Leanna's Idyll Awhile Bistro, 54245 N. Circle Dr., Ste. C-8.
 - Francesca Brown, 7-10 p.m. Backroom, 54200 N. Circle Dr.

- Sunday, Sept. 29**
- Lance Aaron, 7-10 p.m. Backroom, 54200 N. Circle Dr.
- Monday, Sept. 30**
- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

- Open Mic Comedy, 7-10 p.m. Backroom, 54200 N. Circle Dr.
- Tuesday, Oct. 1**
- Tuesday Night Jam Session, 5:30 p.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - The Artists Way Writing Workshop, 6:30-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Wednesday, Oct. 2**
- STEAM event: Pumpkin Experiments, 1:30-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

- Thursday, Oct. 3**
- The Chat Room with Jenny Egan, 3-5 p.m. The Hill House, Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Friday, Oct. 4**
- Ken Carter & Keith McCabe (American roots blues & country music), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.

- Saturday, Oct. 5**
- Free pottery demonstration, 10-11 a.m. Mountain Pottery, 54716 N. Circle Dr.
 - Those Folk: Lawrence & Clare (Americana Folk), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
 - Idyllwild Life Magazine: 2nd Edition Release Party, 7-9 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery, 54301 N. Circle Dr.
- Monday, Oct. 7**
- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

- Tuesday, Oct. 8**
- Tuesday Night Jam Session, 5:30 p.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - The Artists Way Writing Workshop, 6:30-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

Master gardeners available

The Riverside County Cooperative Extension has master gardeners available to answer questions. You can ask about how to save water in your landscape, what's damaging your plants, how to make and use compost in your own backyard, what's ailing your trees, or any gardening-related question. Calls are taken between 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday at 951-683-6491, ext. 231, and from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. at 760-342-2511.

Report traffic violators to CHP

The San Geronio Pass California Highway Patrol is starting a new traffic safety campaign that uses community members to assist in identifying unsafe roadways and drivers. Report unsafe and/or illegal driving or problem roads by emailing (SanGeronioPass@chp.ca.gov) the date, time, location and vehicle license plate (or a passenger's or dash cam's photo). Using the license plate, Capt. Mike Alvarez will contact the registered owner by mail, and issue the registered owner a courtesy warning letter. You get to remain anonymous during the CHP's contact. The warning letter is then kept on file at the San Geronio Pass CHP office for future reference. If you are reporting a problem roadway with a high number of traffic safety concerns, CHP will log it and focus enforcement efforts there, using data to track the locations via hot-spot mapping so CHP can deploy resources in high-violation areas. "This innovative campaign is designed to show our community we are listening, and even if we can't be in all places at once, we are still committed to public safety. Help us make our roadways safer," the Facebook post stated.

News meeting at library

The Idyllwild Town Crier meets at 8:30 a.m. every Wednesday (unless Monday is a major holiday or if weather is a factor) at the Idyllwild Library. The news meeting plans the next week's edition of the newspaper. The public is invited to attend.



70 years ago - 1949
The Lucks, who manned the community telephone switchboard, figured the average number of calls serviced daily during the summer was 1,800.

65 years ago - 1954
The Idyllwild School term opened with 166 students, a 20% increase over the previous year.

60 years ago - 1959
Bow and arrow expert Frank Gorzny was the only archer to get a deer during the 10-day season.

55 years ago - 1964
The Palm Springs Tramway celebrated its first year of operation by dropping fares to \$1. More than 13,000 riders in three days took advantage of the deal.

50 years ago - 1969
The Izaak Walton League was seeking community-wide support for its "America's Cleanest Forest" program.

45 years ago - 1974
The third-annual Idyllwild Bluegrass Invitational was held at Town Hall.

40 years ago - 1979
Among the new teachers at Idyllwild School was Vic Scavarda, the new music specialist. Scavarda now serves on the Hemet Unified School District board.

35 years ago - 1984
After year-long negotiations, the Idyllwild Arts Foundation and the University of Southern California (USC) worked out the final details to complete the separation of ISOMATA (now Idyllwild Arts Academy) from USC.



Scout troops at Camp Emerson carved a dozen totems over the years. One of these, the ISOMATA (now Idyllwild Arts Academy) totem, once located in front of Bowman Theatre, was painted and shortened before its relocation to the children's center.
TOWN CRIER ARCHIVES

30 years ago - 1989
Parents of Idyllwild Elementary School students were asked to make recommendations to the Hemet Unified School District board about whether their children should remain at the school for sixth to eighth grades or be bussed to Hemet.

25 years ago - 1994
Virginia and Bob Gray, owners of Gray's Photo & News Store, announced that they were retiring. They had owned and operated the store for 54 years.

20 years ago - 1999
Wendy Skean of Garner

Valley came in first for the female-solo category of the 24-Hours of Adrenalin bike race held at Hurkey Creek. She completed 11 laps in 24 hours, equivalent to 110 miles.

15 years ago - 2004
Riverside County's Economic Development Agency was soliciting proposals to use the logs and wood remaining from the many dead and dying trees that had been cut down on the hill.

10 years ago - 2009
Valley Health System directors approved a tentative agreement with the local

physicians' group — Physicians for Healthy Hospitals — to purchase the hospital district that includes Hemet Valley and Menifee Valley medical centers.

5 year ago - 2014
Steven Taylor Rutherford, 49, of Banning pleaded guilty in August to 10 felony counts of arson. On Friday, Sept. 5, Judge Becky Dugan sentenced him to 45 years in prison.

1 year ago - 2018
A teenage boy was injured with a log splitter Saturday afternoon at Camp Ronald McDonald in Garner Valley.

Scammer 411

Government agencies will rarely, if ever, call you. If they do, it will be after they send you a letter — or to return a call you made to them. But anytime the "government" caller demands information (or payment by wire transfer or gift card), that's a scam. Don't trust caller ID. Scammers use technology to hide their real number, but show one that seems legit. So if the caller ID shows a 202 area code, or says "govern-

ment" or "Washington, DC," don't take that at face value. It could be anyone calling from anywhere. Never give anyone who calls or approaches you out of the blue information like your Medicare, bank account, credit card or Social Security number. Scammers can use your information, steal your identity, get credit in your name and take your money. Report government imposters and other scams to the Federal Trade Commission.

Churches & Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

<p>Calvary Chapel <i>Mountain Center</i> 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center, Ca. 92561 Church Office 951-659-0097 Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am Nursery Care, Children's & Youth Ministries Weekly Bible Studies & Home Groups</p>	<p>Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church 54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA Father Charles E. Miller Mass Schedule: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.; Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.; Confession: Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt. 659-2708</p>	<p>Center for Spiritual Living Sunday Service, 10 am info@idyllwildcsl.com • 951-659-3464 54240 Ridgeview Dr., Ste. 102 (Courtyard Building) Rev. Helen Henderson, Rev. Sheila Weldon, Rev. Maureen McElligott</p>
<p>Idyllwild Bible Church 25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship. Sunday Worship & Nursery Care, 9 a.m. Sunday Worship, Nursery Care & Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups. Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775</p>	<p>Idyllwild Community Church 54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935 Sunday Worship – 9:30 a.m. • Rev. Dr. Robert Mitchell Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship ~ Child care available • Wednesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:15 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.</p>	<p>St. Hugh's Episcopal Church <i>An Anglican House of Prayer for all people</i> Rev. Daniel Rondeau • Sunday Service, 10:00 am 25525 Tahquitz Dr. (in Fern Valley off South Circle Dr.) Phone (951) 659-4471</p>
<p>First Church of Christ Scientist, Idyllwild 25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-Noon.</p>	<p>Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild Rabbi Malka Drucker 9/20 Shabbat Services 6:00pm • 9/21 Torah Study 9:30pm 9/29 Holiday Dinner 5PM: Rosh Hashanah Eve 7:00pm St. Hugh's Episcopal Church 25525 Tahquitz Dr. templeharshalomofIdyllwild@gmail.com 951-468-0004</p>	

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★ STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★



Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Christina Tirheimer chose the following students as Students of the Week: **Edén Hopper** and **Sofia Landis**. Mrs. Tirheimer said both students "always try their best and show much kindness towards others. They're great role models for our class."
PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON

What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Can't see reflection in goggles. 2. Missing snap on coat. 3. Extra cloud in sky. 4. Missing person in background.



The Idyllwild Arts Academy visual arts faculty spoke to students last Friday during an artist panel. The subject was their inspiration for the pieces they created for the "Time After Time" faculty exhibition in the Parks Exhibition Center on campus. Students weren't allowed to have their cell phones, tablets or computers during the discussion. Instead, they were permitted to have sketch books in case inspiration occurred. Participating in the faculty panel were **Chris Groth, Shaunna Lehr, Maisie Luo, Jasmine Peck, David Reid-Marr, Linda Lucia Santana, Cristie Scott, Rachel Welch** and **Melissa Wilson**. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Blink
SPANISH: Parpadear
ITALIAN: Lampeggiare
FRENCH: Cligner des yeux
GERMAN: Blinzeln

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

SEP 28

- 1066: WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR LANDS IN ENGLAND, THUS BEGINNING THE NORMAN CONQUEST.
- 1924: TWO U.S. ARMY PLANES LAND IN SEATTLE AFTER COMPLETING THE FIRST AROUND-THE-WORLD FLIGHT IN 175 DAYS.
- 2016: A BLACKOUT BEGINS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA. IN SOME AREAS, POWER IS OUT FOR THREE DAYS.

Did You Know?

WEARING PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR WHEN EXPOSED TO FLYING OBJECTS CAN PROTECT THE EYES.

HEALTH FACT:

OVERALL, THESE TWO SPORTS CAUSE THE MOST EYE INJURIES, FOLLOWED BY WATER SPORTS AND RACQUET SPORTS.

ANSWER: BASKETBALL AND BASEBALL

New Word

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physical injury



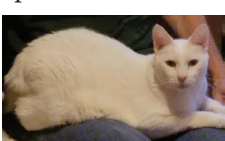
On top of Mt. Regan (10,190'), above Sawtooth Lake, Idaho, **Penelope** and **Alois Smrz**, of Idyllwild, pause for a "peak" at the Town Crier for some excitement. Photo taken Sept. 13, 2019. PHOTOS COURTESY OF PENELOPE AND ALOIS SMRZ

CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," ARF cats chatted with Daisy about all things adoption.

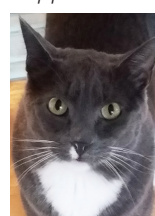
Sadie: It's awfully quiet in here. What gives?
Mr. Gray: Adoptions, that's what gives.
Sadie: Who?
Mr. Gray: The kittens were adopted together, thankfully, and Daisy has been adopted as well!



Sadie: Holy catnip! Have they moved far away?
Zeus: I heard they all are still locals. I hope we get to see them again in the near future.



Heavenly Whiskers: It won't be quiet for long. We are getting three new kittens this weekend.
Zeus: It has been a kittenpalooza around here.



Heavenly Whiskers: It certainly has. The only bad thing about all those cute little kittens is they kind of steal all the attention.
Zeus: They do, but humans who aren't up to kitten antics will want to give us a second look.
Bear: As they should. We can go into a new home, and once we are comfortable, we will offer love and affection without crazy kitten behavior.
Thomas: I think it all depends on what the humans want. Some want the action kittens offer, while others want a cat that is easy-going kind of like me.
Bear: And me!
Sadie: And all of us.
Bear: We would all be such good companions. We are especially good for seniors or humans who live alone.
Mr. Gray: I would be fine on my own during the day, as long as a loving human came home to me each night.
Bear: That sounds so good.
Thomas: I'll sign up for that.
Bear: But for now, we will wait until the perfect forever guardian finds us.

Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of "Days of Our Nine Lives" each week. Please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast at the ARF House, 26890 Highway 243 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sundays, or by appointment Monday-Friday by calling 951-659-1122.

Creature Corner is sponsored by Carole Herman & Sandi Mathers.

So You Think You Know the Hill?

BY JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE



Wow, that's a surprise! There was only one entrant for last week's contest. Veteran player **Rochelle Ainsworth** spotted the sculpture of a head outside one of the studios right along the main road leading up to Idyllwild Arts Academy. So, no drawing necessary. Rochelle is our winner this week. Congrats, Rochelle!!

Again, I apologize to you all for failing to secure the prize gift certificates before this, but there should be plenty there when you come to the Town Crier office to get them this week. No excuses.

Our gift certificate prizes are generously provided by **Higher Grounds Coffee House** and **Red Kettle** restaurant.

This week's photo shouldn't be as much of a problem. Take a look.

One entry per household. Contest deadline: Monday noon. Not a race — correct entries go into a hat for a drawing. Full contest rules and guidelines available at the Town Crier office. Email entries to jack@towncrier.com.

Equifax Data Breach Settlement: What You Should Know

In September of 2017, Equifax announced a data breach that exposed the personal information of 147 million people. Under a settlement filed today, Equifax agreed to spend up to \$425 million to help people affected by the data breach. If you were affected by the Equifax breach, you can't file a claim just yet. That's coming. But you can sign up for FTC email alerts about the settlement at ftc.gov/Equifax. Not sure that you were affected? The breach claims site will have a tool to let you check. Sign up for an FTC email update to find out when that site is up and running.

Social Security scam

Getting calls saying your Social Security number is suspended because of suspicious activity? It's a scam. The Social Security Administration (SSA) is not calling you,

GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: HOCKEY MASK